

**THE HISTORY OF  
AMERICAN LEGION POST #152**

The current Guyton-Callahan American Legion Post 152 was originally chartered under the name of Col. Charles Young, one of the first Afro-American heroes of the 20th Century, and numbered 31. After a period of time the Post was renamed after Emmet Guyton, an Afro-American Newark resident who was killed during World War I. Following a period of inactivity, the Post's number was changed to 152.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, killing Archie Callahan, a 19 year old Newark resident. The Post was subsequently renamed Guyton-Callahan to honor this young hero as well.

Of the predominantly Black American Legion Posts in New Jersey, Guyton-Callahan is the oldest and has always maintained the largest membership. Post 152 will continue to serve the community, state and nation as long as the Breath of Freedom fills the lungs of its members and Liberty rings in their voices.

**Post Chartered Units**

90th Barracks WWI (inactive)

Auxiliary Unit No. 152

D.A.V. Ruffner-Lee Chapter 75

Sons of the Legion

Boy Scout of America Troop 504

William Ashby - Civic Leader

Kenneth A. Gibson - Mayor of Newark

Herbert Tate, Sr. - Superior Court Judge  
Post #152 Judge Advocate

J. Mercer Burrell - Criminal Lawyer  
Edmond L. Kerr - Former Newark Police Director  
Past Post #152 - Vice Commander

Ronald Rice - Newark Councilman

Theodore Howard - Police Captain

James E. Churchman, Sr. - Funeral Director

James E. Churchman, Jr. - Funeral Director

Arthur Smith, Jr. - Service Station Owner

Gordon P. Dawson - Physician

Dr. Lloyd M. Graner

Dr. Morris V. Anderson

D.D.S. Ray C. Proctor

Rev. Nathaniel C. Williams

Rev. Robert E. Harmon

Rev. Edward Belton

Rev. Ernest L. Brown

Rev. John H. Edward

Rev. B. F. Johnson

Rev. Albert J. Tibbs

Rev. Willard Mayo

Ernie Wilson, Jr. - Past National Commander Sons of the Legion

Alma Wilson - Past Dept. of NJ President

Nate Hillman - Past County Commander

Robert Floyd - Past County Commander